



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

April 5, 2006

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Greta Connor, Suzette Davis, Judy Kandl, Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson

Absent: Cindee Bridges, Barbara Lawther, Johnny Safrit, Bill Safrit

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March meeting and the financial report were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art in Public Places

- City Council approved the Culbertson submittal and authorized the Public Art Committee to raise \$225,000 for the East Innes Street Gateway public art installation. A grant application was submitted to the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation for the project. The applications will be reviewed at the end of April.
- Greta Connor stated that the presentation on the art installation for City Council came across very well on Access 16.
- The loft tour committee will meet Wednesday, April 26, at the Plaza, 100 W. Innes Street, second floor at 4 p.m. A reminder will be sent when the property owners confirm the date for the meeting. The goal is to narrow the main idea with the help of those who have agreed to open their property for the tour.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

Neighborhood Leaders Alliance met Thursday, March 2, 2006, 4:00 p.m., at City Hall to discuss housing conditions.

Goal: For the time being, the sub-committee's goal is to: *Significantly reduce the number of run-down houses throughout the City.* Other adjectives were considered (deteriorated, dilapidated, sub-standard, uninhabitable, etc.) The exact wording of this goal may change as subcommittee becomes more involved and informed about the current conditions.

The subcommittee will meet the 1st Thursday of every month until methods to complete the goal to significantly reduce run-down housing are in place.

- Members of the Neighborhoods and Education Committee took a van tour of the Green Hills neighborhood and found the neighborhood was in very poor condition. Greta Connor spoke to a resident to encourage participation in the Spring Spruce Up in this neighborhood.

Lack of house numbering in the rundown neighborhoods is a problem for identifying some properties. David Phillips, Zoning Administrator, said that he has had difficulty getting property owners to agree to numbering properties with a street address. When making identification on the Rowan County GIS Web site many properties were found not to have house numbers. Greta stated that house numbering on Lafayette Street makes delivering Meals on Wheels a challenge.

- There are some properties where tenants seem to be evicted regularly, and the interior items are set at the curb. It is important to educate and nurture renters and homeowners alike. Caldwell Street, Horah and Lee Streets were singled out as problems.

Landscaping

No report

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

There is still some discussion about remaining money and new projects (Kress's, Rowan Museum, and the old Bill's Bakery) that seem a good fit for the grant program. The outcome is not yet finalized.

CAC/ SALISBURY TREE BOARD AWARDS

Suzette Davis and Barbara Perry volunteered to distribute any remaining plaques.

OLD BUSINESS

- The staging site used by the hospital at Jersey City has been cleared. KMD appears to have a staging area near 11th Street. Staff will find out the zoning of the site.

NEW BUSINESS

City Council appointed Tom Wolpert, Suzette Davis, Judy Kandl, and Cindee Bridges to the Community Appearance Commission to serve three-year terms expiring April 31, 2009.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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